

## **MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT**

**TO:** Interested Parties  
**FROM:** Ken McDonald, Wildlife Bureau Chief  
**SUBJECT:** Wolf Program Activities and Related Information  
**WEEK OF:** Aug 25 – August 31, 2012

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### **PROGRAM UPDATES:**

Weekly reports for 2012 will be shown in an additive, running tally fashion. New incidents will be pasted to the bottom of the tables each week.

**Montana Annual Wolf Report can be found on the FWP website:**

**<http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/>**

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/wolf/>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/default.mcpx> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.

WOLF-LIVESTOCK CONFLICTS									
Date	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Livestock Type and #					Land Type	Authorized Control Action
			(injured livestock (i), probable kills (p) or confirmed kills (c))						
			Cattle	Sheep	Goat/ Llama	Horse	Dog		
1/1/2012	North of Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine	1c					Tribal	Initial response*
1/3/2012	Grant (Beaverhead)	Unknown		1c				Private	Collar 1/Initial response
1/24/2012	W of Arlee (Sanders)	Sleeping Woman (CSKT)	1c 2p						Initial response*
2/8/2012	Potomac (Missoula)	Union Peak suspected					1	Private	None
2/20/2012	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes		4c 4p				Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal up to 4
2/29/2012	South of Ulm (Cascade)		2c						Collar 1/Initial response
3/9/2012	Harrison (Madison)		1p						None
3/23/2012	Lincoln (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown					1	Private	Remove 1 (only one wolf thought to be involved in incident)
3/19/2012	NW of Wolf Creek(Lewis and Clark)	Unknown	1c					Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal of 2
3/25/2012	SW of Dillon (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis Peak	2c					Private	Collar 1/Lethal removal of 2
3/31/2012	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes		2c				Private	Renewed: Lethal removal up to 4
4/3/2012	SW of Dillon (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis Peak	1c					Private	Renewed: Lethal removal of 2
4/6/2012	SE of Helmville (Powell)	Unnamed	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2
4/9/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3, Landowner shoot on site permit
4/15/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3
4/19/2012	Jackson (Beaverhead)	Beaverhead	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3

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4/2/2012	Upper Ruby (Madison)	Unknown		1c				Private	Initial ground response for 3 days
4/17/2012	N of Butte (Jefferson)	Unknown	1c					Private	Initial response (attempt to collar when possible)
4/24/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Stewart Mtn	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2
5/1/2012	S of Boulder (Jefferson)	Unknown	1p					Private	None
5/2/2012	N of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown	1c					Private	Initial response/collar Landowner shoot on site permit
5/5/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	1c					Private	Collar/Lethal removal of 2
5/5/2012	W of Bozeman (Gallatin)	Bear Trap	1p					Private	Initial response
5/6/2012	Boulder (Jefferson)	Elkhorn	1c					Private	Collar/Lethal removal of 2
5/10/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1p					Private	Lethal removal of 3
5/19/2012	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat	1c					Private	Lethal Removal of 3
5/16/2012	N of Niarada (Flathead)	Dry Forks	3p					Tribal	Initial Response
5/21/2012	N of Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte	1c					Private	Lethal Removal of 3
5/22/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown	3c					Private	Collar/Lethal Removal

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5/23/2012	Red Bluff (Madison)	Unknown		9c5i				Private	Lethal Removal of 2
5/24/2012	Madison Valley (Madison)	Snowshoe	1c1i					Private	Lethal Removal of 4/shoot on site permit for 4.
5/24/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 3
5/26/2012	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Canyon Creek		1c				Private	Lethal removal of pack
5/29/2012	Madison Valley (Madison)	Snowshoe	1c					Private	Lethal Removal of 4/shoot on site permit for 4.
5/31/2012	Rock Creek (Beaverhead)	Jack Creek		1c1p				Private	Lethal removal of 1
6/1/2012	Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine	2c					Tribal	Lethal removal of pack
6/5/2012	Roscoe (Carbon)	Rosebud	1c					Private	Collar
6/5/2012	Red Bluff (Madison)	Unknown		1c				Private	Lethal Removal of 2
6/6/2012	Alberton (Missoula)	Unknown			1c			Private	Initial Response
6/6/2012	Red Bluff (Madison)	Unknown		1c				Private	Lethal Removal of 2
6/8/2012	SW of Augusta (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown	1c					Private	Initial Respons/Shoot on site permit
6/13/2012	Red Bluff (Madison)	Unknown		1c				Private	
6/26/2012	Mt. Haggin WMA (Deerlodge)	Unknown	1c					State Land (FWP)	Lethal Removal
7/2/2012	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat	1c					Private	Full pack removal/Shoot on site permit
7/12/2012	Upper Ruby (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	Initial Response

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7/16/2012	Upper Ruby (Madison)	Unknown	1i					Public	Lethal removal of 2/collar
7/17/2012	Upper Ruby (Madison)	Unknown	2c					Public	Lethal removal of 2/collar
7/23/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler	1c2i					Private	Lethal removal of 4 or half of the adults in the pack
7/25/2012	Upper Ruby (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	Lethal removal of 2/collar
6/9/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia	1c					Public	Collar/lethal removal of 2/kill permit
7/3/2012	Little Thompson (Sanders)	Corona	1c					Private	Initial response
7/4/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia	1p					Public	Collar/lethal removal of half of pack/kill permit
7/18/2012	Lost Prairie (Flathead)	Tallulah	1c					Private	Collar
7/27/2012	Pinkam (Lincoln)	Lydia	1i					Public	Remove half of pack
8/1/2012	Warmsprings (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	Lethal removal of 2/collar
8/9/2012	South of Grant (Beaverhead)	Jeff Davis		5c				Private	Lethal removal of 2/collar
8/11/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia	1i					Public	Lethal removal of half of pack
8/12/2012	Winston (Beaverhead)	Elkhorn	1c					Public	Lethal removal of 2/collar
8/13/2012	Scoffin Creek (Pondera)	Benny Hill	1c					Private	Collar/lethal removal of half of pack/kill permit
8/14/2012	Boulder Valley (Jefferson)	Elkhorn	1i					Private	Lethal removal of 2/collar

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8/16/2012	Antelope Basin (Madison)	Unknown	1i					Public	Lethal removal of 2
8/16/2012	Lost Prairie (Lincoln)	Tallulah	1c					Private	Collar
8/18/2012	Scoffin Creek (Pondera)	Benny Hill	1p					Private	Collar/removal of half of pack/kill permit
8/18/2012	Lost Prairie (Lincoln)	Tallulah	1c					Private	Collar
8/18/2012	Fishtail (Stillwater)	Unknown		1cli				Private	Collar
8/18/2012	Timber Creek (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Public	Lethal removal of 2
8/23/2012	Poison Basin (Madison)	Unknown		1c				Public	Lethal removal of 2
8/24/2012	Antelope Basin (Madison)	Unknown	1c					Private	Lethal removal of 2
8/25/2012	South of Augusta (Lewis and Clark)	Monitor Mountain	1c					Private	Remove entire pack/kill permit
2012 Running Total*			48c 11p8i	29c 5p6i	1c	0	2		

\*Initial response allows for the removal of any wolves returning to the depredation site.

**WOLF CAPTURE, COLLARING, REMOVAL ACTIVITIES**

Date <sup>1</sup>	General Area (County)	Pack Name	Capture/Collaring			Lethal Removal (# wolves)		Control Action - ongoing/ completed	Other Mortalities (by cause)
			FWP (monitoring/ research)	WS	Other (tribal/incidental)	WS	Landowner		
1/12/2012	Mt Haggin (Deer Lodge)	Pintler				2		Ongoing (Kill 3/Collar 1 from 12/2/11 cattle depredation incident)	
1/20/2012	NW Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine				1		Ongoing	
1/25/2012	(Gallatin)	Bear Trap	2						
1/24/2012	Bitterroot Valley (Missoula)	One Horse Creek							1 (killed by a lion)
2/1/2012	Jefferson Crk - E of Helmville (Powell)			1					
2/6/2012	(Sanders)	Garden Crk			2 (CSKT/WS)				2 (incidental mortalities from CSKT/WS capture effort)
2/20/2012	N of Perma (Sanders)	Cotton-wood			1 (CSKT)				
1/24/2012	North Fork Flathead R. (Flathead)	Dutch							1 (natural cause)
2/15/2012	NW Niarada (Flathead)	Irvine				1		Completed	
3/3/2012	North of Whitefish (Flathead)	Lazy Creek							1 (vehicle)
3/13/2012	South of Trego (Lincoln)	Murphy Creek					1		
3/17/2012	North of Trego (Lincoln)	Murphy Creek							1 (euthanized due to injury)
3/22/2012	Highway 310 - N of WY border (Carbon)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
3/23/2012	Gardiner Basin (Park)	Quadrant							1 (killed by other wolves in early March)
4/6/2012	SE Helmville	Unnamed				1		Remove 1 more	

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	(Powell)								
4/3/2012	Wolf Creek (Lincoln)	Wolf Prairie							1 (train strike)
4/10/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet		1				Ongoing	
4/9/2012	N of Roger's Pass (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown				1		Ongoing (from 3/19 incident NW of Wolf Crk)	
4/10/2012	SW of Dillon (Beaver-head)	Jeff Davis Peak				1		Ongoing	
4/13/2012	Near Thompson Falls. (Sanders)	Silcox							1 (Unknown)
4/15/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet				1		Ongoing (remove 2 more)	
4/14/2012	Lincoln area (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown				1		Completed (attempts to collar will continue)	
3/22/2012	Highway 310 - N of WY border (Carbon)	Unknown							1 (vehicle)
3/23/2012	Gardiner Basin (Park)	Quadrant							1 (killed by other wolves in early March)
4/6/2012	SE Helmville (Powell)	Unnamed				1		Remove 1 more	
4/3/2012	(Lincoln)	Wolf Prairie							1 (train strike)
4/10/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet		1				Ongoing	
4/9/2012	N of Roger's Pass (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown				1		Ongoing (from 3/19 incident NW of Wolf Crk)	
4/10/2012	SW of Dillon (Beaver-head)	Jeff Davis Peak		1				Ongoing	
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4/14/2012	Lincoln area (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown				1		Completed (attempts to collar will continue)	
4/16/2012	SE of Helmville (Powell)	Unknown				1		Completed	
4/20/2012	Jackson (Beaver- head)	Beaver-head				2		Ongoing	
4/17/2012	Lincoln area (Lewis & Clark)	Unknown		1				Completed	
4/26/2012	W of Helmville (Powell)	Garnet				1		Ongoing	
4/29/2012	Rock Cr., I90 (Missoula)	Sliderock (suspect)							1 (vehicle)
4/28/2012	E of Deer Lodge (Powell)	Unknown		1				None	
5/1/2012	W of Dell (Beaverhead)	Four Eyes				1 <sup>2</sup>		Ongoing	
5/4/2012	W of Dell (Beaver-head)	Four Eyes				1 <sup>2</sup>		Ongoing	
5/8/2012	Ninemile Valley (Missoula)	Ninemile		1				Ongoing	
5/8/2012	S of Ennis (Madison)	Toadflax							1(vehicle)
5/9/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Unknown				1		Completed	
5/11/2012	S of Darby (Ravalli)	Unknown							1(vehicle)

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5/13/2012	Blackfoot Valley (Powell)			1				Ongoing	
5/15/2012	Bitterroot Valley (Ravalli)	Sula							1(Killed by lion)
5/15/2012	Jackson (Beaver- head)	Beaver-head				2		Completed	
5/10/2012	Sage Creek (Beaver-head)	Price Creek							1(unknown)
5/18/2012	N of Niarada (Flathead)	Dry Forks		1				Ongoing	
5/20/2012	Butte (Silverbow)	Unknown							1(Illegal)
5/23/2012	N of Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Unknown							1(under investigation)
5/23/2012	Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte		1				Ongoing	
5/28/2012	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat					1	Ongoing	
5/29/2012	Madison Valley (Madison)	Snowshoe				1	1	Ongoing	
5/31/2012	N of Niarada (Flathead)	Dry Forks				2		Complete	
6/4/2012	Alberton (Mineral)	Unknown							1(vehicle)
6/5/2012	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Canyon Creek				2		Ongoing	
6/6/2012	Bitterroot Valley (Ravalli)	Divide Creek	1						
6/6/2012	Rock Creek (Beaverhead)	Jack Creek				1		Ongoing	
6/7/2012	Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte				1		Ongoing	

6/7/2012	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Canyon Creek				1		Ongoing	
6/8/2012	SW of Sula (Ravalli)	Trail Creek							1(unknown)
6/8/2012	Red Bluff (Madison)	Unknown				1		Ongoing	
6/11/2012	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Canyon Creek				2		Ongoing	
6/14/2012	N of Canyon Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Canyon Creek				2		Completed	
6/14/2012	Madison Valley (Madison)	Snowshoe				2		Completed	
6/14/2012	Red Bluff (Madison)	Unknown				1		Completed	
6/18/2012	N of Helena (Lewis and Clark)	Granite Butte				5		Completed	
6/19/2012	N of Rogers Pass (Lewis and Clark)	Green Mountain	1						
6/24/2012	S. of Roscoe (Carbon County)	Rosebud	1						
6/25/2012	West of Florence (Ravalli)	One Horse	1						
6/27/2012	Mt. Haggin WMA (Deerlodge)	Unknown				2		Completed	
7/1/2012	Blackfoot-Clearwater WMA (Powell)	Morrell Mountain	1						
7/14/2012	Fish Creek (Missoula)	Cache Creek	1						
7/21/2012	Petty Creek (Missoula)	Petty Creek	1						
7/22/2012	Smith Creek (Lewis and Clark)	Benchmark	1						
7/26/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler				1		Ongoing	
1/27/2012	Big Draw (Flathead)	Irvine				1		ongoing	
2/1/2012	Bob Marshall (Powell)	Flathead Alps							2 (unknown)
3/1/2012	Lonepine (Sanders)	Garden							1 (unknown)
3/27/2012	Columbia Falls (Flathead)	Smoky					1		

4/1/2012	Bob Marshall (Powell)	Flathead Alps							1 (unknown)
4/24/2012	Martin City (Flathead)	Halfmoon							1 (cougar predation)
6/11/2012	Big Draw (Flathead)	Irvine				2		ongoing	
6/27/2012	Big Draw (Flathead)	Irvine				1		ongoing	
6/28/2012	Big Draw (Flathead)	Irvine				2		ongoing	
6/29/2012	Big Draw (Flathead)	Irvine				1		ongoing	
7/6/2012	Little Thompson (Sanders)	Corona				1		completed	
7/11/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia				1		ongoing	
7/12/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia		1				ongoing	
7/13/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia				1		ongoing	
7/13/2012	Thompson R. (Flathead)	Chippy	1						
7/16/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia				1		ongoing	
7/16/2012	Little Thompson R (Sanders)	Corona	1						
7/20/2012	Little Thompson R (Sanders)	Corona	2						
7/21/2012	Little Thompson R (Sanders)	Corona	1						
7/27/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia				2			
8/6/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler				1		Ongoing	
8/6/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler				1		Ongoing	
8/7/2012	Pinkham (Lincoln)	Lydia				1		Ongoing	
8/8/2012	Wisdom (Beaverhead)	Pintler		1		2		Completed	
8/9/2012	Tom Miner Basin (Park)	Steamboat				2		Completed	

